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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S FAREWELL MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT
LOPEZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGES FROM THE
SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO.
2. FOR PRESIDENT LOPEZ. QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS
I TAKE LEAVE OF MY OFFICE; I WANT
YOU TO KNOW OF THE SPECIAL MEMORIES I TAKE WITH ME OF OUR
TALKS AND OF YOUR GRACIOUSNESS. YOUR CLEAR VISION OF
HEMISPHERIC ISSUES, YOUR ADVICE ON THE PANAMA CANAL
NEGOTIATIONS AND YOUR UNDERSTANDING WERE
SOURCES OF ENLIGHTENMENT AND PERSONAL SATISFACTION FOR ME.

THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR THOUGHTS AND ADVICE WERE GIVEN
ADDED WEIGHT BY THE FACT THAT YOU SPOKE AS A LIBERAL AND
AS THE LEADER OF ONE OF OUR HEMISPHERE'S STRONG DEMOCRACIES.
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THE FACT THAT WE SHARE THE VALUES OF AN OPEN SOCIETY MADE
IT IMPORTANT TO TALK AS WE DID -- IT ALSO MADE IT EASIER.

LET ME EXPRESS TO YOU AGAIN MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR
ESPECIALLY GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY AT HATO GRANDE. AND PERMIT
ME TO SEND TO YOU MY MOST SINCERE BEST WISHES AND MY TRUST

IN THE ENDURING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND THE UNITED STATES WHICH YOU SO ELOQUENTLY EXPRESSED BY YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQUOTE.

3. FOR FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO. QUOTE. DEAR MR. MINISTER: I SHALL MISS OUR TALKS AND YOUR COUNSEL. FEW OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE BEEN SO CONSISTENTLY THOUGHTFUL AND HELPFUL AS YOU OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. AS I DEPART THIS OFFICE, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE COUNCILS OF THIS HEMISPHERE HAS BEEN WISE AND EFFECTIVE. IT HAS CONTRIBUTED POSITIVELY TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND A GREATER SENSE OF COMMON PURPOSE IN THE AMERICAS.

I TAKE WITH ME ALSO A SENSE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE NEVER BEFORE BEEN MORE FIRMLY ROOTED THAN THEY ARE TODAY IN THE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES OF THIS HEMISPHERE: SOVEREIGN EQUALITY OF NATIONS AND NON-INTER-FERENCE.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST PERSONAL WISHES AND WARM THANKS. YOU HAVE BEEN A VALUED COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQUOTE.

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